**Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC) Minutes**
**August 2, 2016**
**CARR 290**

Attendees: Alvin New, John Choate, Tia Agan, Jim Summerlin, Laura Strube, Maggie Blair, Wendy Sklenarik, John Miazga, Dave Danner, Karen Clark, Laura Strube, Kimberly Dickerson

Call to order 4:02 p.m.

Departmental Updates:

**Curriculum & Instruction**
- Currently in the process of rewriting all course curriculum
- All coursework will require a cumulative special project that will be “job specific”
- C&I has several new faculty members doing extensive action research projects

**Teacher Education**
- In the process of working through National Accreditation for Initial Programs
- Successfully completed TEA Desk Audit for EC-6 Core Program

**EPI Center Updates**
- New advising positions
  - Certification Advisor, Mrs. Maggie Blair
  - Academic Advisor, Ms. Mary Snowden
- New TExES registration process

**College of Education Updates**
- CAEP
  - We are currently in the process of gathering all of our accreditation materials
  - Submissions due to CAEP August 2016
  - Fall 2016 we get feedback from CAEP
  - April 2017 CAEP will be here for site visit
- Submitting documentation for Initial Certification Programs only for this visit.
- Advanced Programs submission will be coming in the future

- **ASU Test Remediation**
  - ASU is using an online tutorial program (Certify Teacher)
  - Candidate must receive a 90% or better on the practice test within Certify Teacher before they can retest
  - ASU faculty are working with candidates that are struggling
  - Candidates are being provided one-on-one remediation

- **This year's focus for the College of Education**
  - Recruitment projects
  - Consolidation of programs

- **TEA Updates**
  - EPP's are now subject to yearly fees
  - Angelo State has successfully completed a TEA Desk Audit
  - We use state data for our National Accreditation
    - Surveys
    - Test Scores
  - Rules are changing for certification
    - TEA is Proposing:
      - Accountability after candidates second attempt at testing
    - Current rule:
      - Candidate can retake the test (up to five attempts), their final attempt within their completion year is what EPP’s are currently accountable for

- **Stakeholders Questions/Comments**
  - How is ASU currently recruiting?
    - Starting to talk to Texas Associations of Future Educators (TAFE) groups
      - Offering to host some of their meetings on campus
    - Advertising on campus
- School Newspaper
  - Departmental Collaboration
    - Physics Department is working with Teacher Ed to offer a certificate
  - Is there a way for public schools to help recruit?
    - Possible recruitment committee for the future
    - Possible coalition of rural schools
- International Education Students
  - Visiting Korean Students
    - 30 coming in January to visit local schools
    - Will be hosted by area teachers
    - Working on getting additional students from
      - China
      - Vietnam
- West Texas Legislative Summit is approaching
  - August 3-4
  - Visit sanangelo.org to register
  - Speakers and Panelists include
    - ASU President
    - TTU Chancellor
    - ASU Deans
    - US Congressman
    - State Senator
    - State Representatives
    - TEA Commissioner
    - THECB Commissioner
    - County Judges
  - Major discussion topics will include
    - Dual Credit Programs
    - House Bill 5
    - Educational Funding

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.